

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Richard Herbst)
 Appl. No. : Unknown)
 Filed : Herewith)
 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS)
 FOR INJECTION-MOLDING)
 PLASTIC MATERIAL)
 ARTICLES CONSISTING OF)
 A PLURALITY OF)
 COMPONENTS)
 Examiner : Unknown)

Group Art Unit Unknown # 4

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~1-27~~ without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

28. (New) A method of injection-molding plastic material articles having at least first and second components, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an injection molding machine comprising a center platen having a first side and an opposite second side, a first mold portion cooperating with the first side of the center platen so as to define a first separation plane, and a second mold portion